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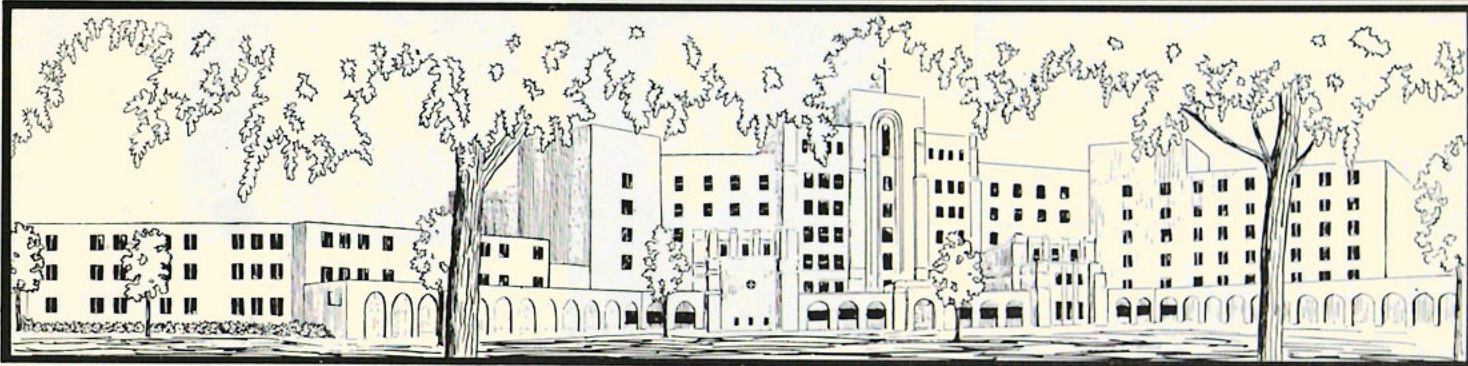
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Comment on the Cover...

DR. DAVID VAN NOSTRAND, THORACIC SURGEON, SHOWS MRS. MARY BILLIG, REGISTERED X-RAY TECHNICIAN, A PACEMAKER, THE SMALL DEVICE WHICH IS PROLONGING THE GOOD LIFE FOR SEVERAL SCH PATIENTS. SURGEONS HERE HAVE PERFORMED IMPLANTS SINCE FEB-

Chaplain's Corner

BY FATHER JOHN MCMANUS, O.M.I.



FR. MCMANUS

ONCE IN A GREAT WHILE CERTAIN EXPERIENCES TAKE PLACE IN OUR LIVES WHICH POSSESS THAT SINGULAR QUALITY OF BEING UNFORGETTABLE.

PASSING THROUGH ONE OF THE HOSPITAL'S CORRIDORS I JOINED TWO LADIES, ONE A PATIENT, THE OTHER A FRIEND VISITING. CASUAL OBSERVATION IMPARTED THE KNOWLEDGE THAT SOMETHING WARM AND DEEP WAS TRANSPIRING BETWEEN THE TWO. SOMETHING WHICH WENT FAR BEYOND THE GIVING AND RECEIVING OF A SIMPLE GIFT.

ACCEPTING AN INVITATION TO JOIN THEM, I SOON LEARNED AND FELT THE IMPACT OF THEIR PERSONALITIES, THE AFFECT THEY HAD ON EACH OTHER AND ALL WHO JOINED THEM. THEY HAD THAT INDESCRIPTIONABLE QUALITY OF SEEING CHRIST IN EACH OTHER WHILE AT THE SAME TIME BEING CHRIST-LIKE.

THEY WERE "GIVING" PEOPLE IN EVERY ASPECT OF THEIR LIVES RATHER THAN "RECEIVING" PEOPLE. ENTIRELY CAPABLE OF SOWING AND NOT EXPECTING TO REAP.

DEPARTING THEIR COMPANY I LEFT WITH THE HOPE THAT SOMEDAY I WOULD POSSESS THIS JOY THEY RADIATED, FULLY AWARE THAT, "A MAN SEIZED BY GOD'S GRACE WALKS WITH A STOUT HEART."

RUARY, UTILIZING SOPHISTICATED EQUIPMENT IN THE SPECIAL PROCEDURES ROOM OF THE X-RAY DEPARTMENT, AND THE CARDIAC CARE UNIT FOR POST-OPERATIVE CARE. SEE THE FULL STORY AND OTHER PICTURES ON PAGES 4 AND 5.



GENE BAKKE

From Our  
Executive Vice President

WHILE IN THE ST. CLOUD AREA, THE NUMBERS OF PROFESSIONAL AND ALLIED HEALTH WORKERS WOULD SEEM TO BE ADEQUATE AT THE MOMENT TO MEET LOCAL NEEDS IN MOST HEALTH FIELDS, PROJECTIONS INDICATE THAT HOSPITALS AND OTHER RELATED HEALTH CARE EMPLOYERS WILL BECOME THE NATION'S BIGGEST SINGLE SOURCE OF NEW JOBS BY 1975. THE PROJECTION IS BASED ON STUDIES RECENTLY CONDUCTED BY THE AMERICAN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION AND RELEASED BY DR. EDWIN L. CROSBY, THE ASSOCIATION'S PRESIDENT.

A NUMBER OF FACTORS HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THIS RENEWED EMPHASIS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW HEALTH JOBS. PRIMARY AMONG THOSE FACTORS ARE:

\*COMMITMENT AS A NATION THAT HEALTH CARE IS A RIGHT OF EVERY CITIZEN, NOT A PRIVILEGE. THE GRADUAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS POLICY HAS MADE HEALTH CARE MORE READILY ACCESSIBLE TO MANY PEOPLE, INCREASING THE DEMANDS UPON THE NATION'S HEALTH RESOURCES.

\*THE INCREASING MANPOWER SHORTAGES IN THE TRADITIONAL HEALTH PROFESSIONS.

\*INCREASING PUBLIC CONCERN OVER RISING COSTS OF HEALTH CARE.

IN ORDER TO MEET INCREASING DEMANDS FOR EF-

FECTIVE HEALTH CARE TO RELIEVE MANPOWER SHORTAGES AND TO CONTROL COSTS, NEW JOBS WILL BE CREATED TO TRAIN PEOPLE TO DO THINGS THAT PREVIOUSLY WERE STRICTLY THE FUNCTION OF THE DOCTOR, THE NURSE OR OTHER HEALTH PROFESSIONALS. SOME OF THESE NEW JOBS HAVE ALREADY BEEN CREATED. OTHERS WILL BE ADDED. THESE INCLUDE SUCH OCCUPATIONS AS HOME HEALTH AIDE, ASSISTANT IN DRUG ADDICTION CENTERS, PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT (AS YOU WILL NOTE IN THE MEDICAL MEMO IN THIS ISSUE), ASSISTANT OPERATING ROOM SECRETARY, MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER, OPERATING ROOM TECHNICIAN, CLINICAL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, PHARMACIST'S AIDE, PATIENT SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE, CARDIOPULMONARY TECHNICIAN, AND ORTHOPEDIC EQUIPMENT ATTENDANT, TO NAME A FEW.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS LOOKING FOR A VOCATION WHERE THERE WILL BE REAL OPPORTUNITIES SHOULD SERIOUSLY CONSIDER HEALTH PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS. NOT ONLY WILL THERE BE JOBS AVAILABLE, BUT PAY SCALES HAVE BEEN GREATLY UPGRADED. AND IT IS A FIELD WHERE THE CHANCES OF PERSONAL FULFILLMENT, OVER AND ABOVE THE ECONOMIES OF IT, HARDLY HAS AN EQUAL.

Our Record of Service

	ADMISSIONS	BIRTHS	OPERATIONS	X-RAYS	LAB. TESTS	EMERGENCY OUTPT. VISITS
AUGUST 1971	1,415	175	563	3,815	21,599	808
JANUARY 1 TO AUGUST 31	10,807	1,215	4,260	30,029	166,567	5,223

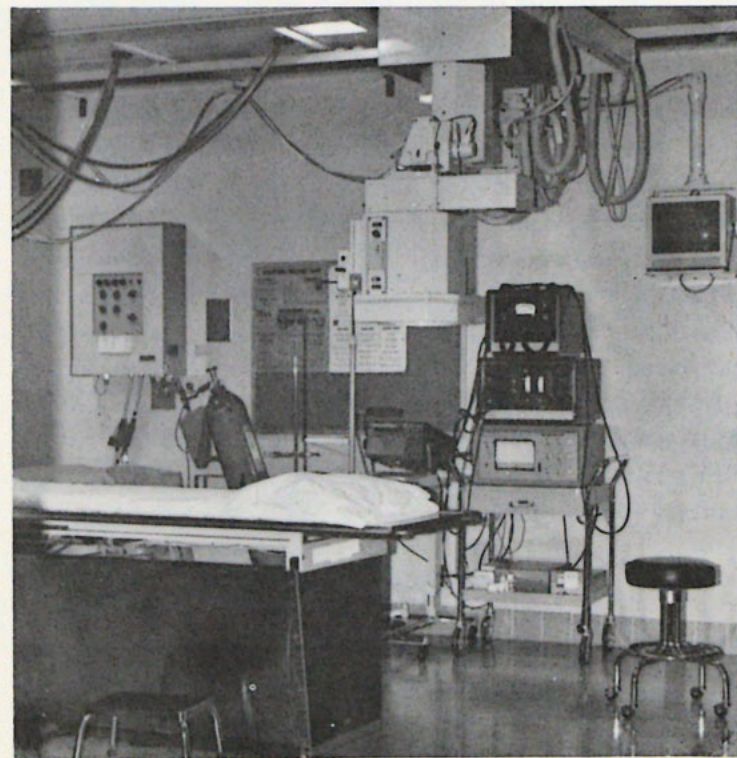


# Surgeons Do Pacemaker Implants

Pacemakers, those tiny devices designed to assist the heart in beating at a regular rate, have been implanted in the chests of six patients at the St. Cloud Hospital since February, in a procedure made possible by the expertise of the medical and nursing staffs, the present construction program, and the new, sophisticated equipment needed for the surgery and post-operative monitoring.

The patients, all over the age of sixty, had experienced a degeneration of the natural electrical impulse which causes the normal heart to beat at about 70 per minute, and before the implants, had pulse rates of about 40 per minute.

"The normal heart beat starts at the top of the heart or the atrium," explained Dr. David Van Nostrand, thoracic surgeon who



PHYSICIANS DO THE PACEMAKER IMPLANTS IN THIS ROOM, THE SPECIAL PROCEDURES ROOM IN THE X-RAY DEPARTMENT. TELEVISION SCREENS, SUCH AS THAT IN THE UPPER RIGHT OF THE PICTURE, ALLOW THE SURGEON TO SEE THE ENDO-CARDIAL LEAD AS IT GOES THROUGH THE PATIENT'S VEIN AND INTO THE HEART, ASSURING CORRECT POSITIONING. LOCAL ANESTHESIA IS USED AND THE PROCEDURE IS NOT TAXING FOR THE PATIENT.

did the first pacemaker implant here. "In old age, or in a diseased heart, there often is a disassociation between the atrium and the lower part of the heart, the ventricles. The pulse just doesn't get down through the fibers.

"This is often called a heart block. The ventricle's normal beat of about 40 per minute then takes over to keep the blood flowing, but the patient does not get sufficient circulation, and they often feel faint, and are unable to lead anywhere near a normal, active life.

"All of these symptoms are known as the Stokes-Adams Syndrome," he said.

The pacemaker, about 2½ inches square, is implanted under the skin above the chest muscles, and the lead going into the heart is channeled through a large vein directly into the heart.

"The endo-cardial leads, about the size of a strand of spaghetti, are introduced into a large vein leading to the apex of the right ventricle of the heart," Dr. Van Nostrand said. "The tip of the lead is actually wedged into the heart during the procedure, and with our new x-ray equipment in the Special Procedures Room, we can, by fluoroscopy and a system of T.V. screens and image intensifiers, watch the endo-cardial lead as it is pushed through the vein and into the heart for precise positioning.

"This is quite a simple operation, not taxing to the patient, and often can be done in as little as 90 minutes," he added. Only local anesthesia is used. After the endo-cardial lead is in place, and the box holding the batteries for the pacemaker is located under the skin, the two are connected with self-sealing, push-pull plugs, and the incision is closed."

The pacemaker batteries last between one and two years, and are pre-set to fire small, electrical impulses at a specific rate, usually between 70 and 85 beats per minute. Special units can be manufactured, however, to meet

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other requirements. The device costs between \$550 and \$850, depending on model and type.



DR. VAN NOSTRAND DEMONSTRATES THE POSITIONING OF THE PACEMAKER ON MRS. MARY BILLIG IN THE SPECIAL PROCEDURES ROOM OF THE X-RAY DEPARTMENT. THE PACEMAKER IS PLACED UNDER THE SKIN ABOVE THE CHEST MUSCLES, AND THE ENDO-CARDIAL LEAD, A FLEXIBLE PLASTIC TUBE, GOES INTO THE HEART THROUGH A VEIN. IMPLANTS TAKE AS LITTLE AS 90 MINUTES TO COMPLETE.

## Lab Accredited Again

The Laboratory of St. Cloud Hospital has been awarded a certificate of accreditation for the next three years by the College of American Pathologists, a medical specialty organization of more than 5,000 pathologists.

The Laboratory successfully met the College's standards of performance and the criteria of an intensive, on-site inspection by an examiner.

"This accreditation," emphasized Dr. C. A. McWhorter, President of the College, "reflects credit to the institution and means assurance to patients and physicians of the accuracy and precision of the laboratory's services."

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When the batteries need replacing, an incision is made and the small box removed long enough to exchange the pacemakers.

"In the cases where the pacemaker is needed only temporarily, such as after heart surgery until the pulse is normalized, the battery box is carried outside the body," stated Dr. Van Nostrand. "And only the endo-cardial lead is inserted until the patient is well enough to undergo the implantation.

"The success of our operations at St. Cloud Hospital really is a result of a coming together of all the right elements needed to do the job," concluded Dr. Van Nostrand. "Several on the medical staff have had the training, the hospital's Cardiac Care Unit offers post-operative monitoring of the finest quality, and the new Special Procedures Room in the X-Ray Department provides the most modern equipment for this particular operation."

All of the facilities used for this procedure are located in the new Southwest Wing of the hospital, constructed as part of the current \$11-million building-remodeling program which will conclude next year.

## Falconer To Head School

John Falconer, 25, has been appointed as Supervisor of the St. Cloud Hospital School of X-Ray Technology, replacing Sr. Jolene Forbes who resigned.

John is a graduate of the x-ray school at St. Luke's Hospital, Fargo, and holds a degree in Business Administration from Moorhead State College. He also has completed the two-year course in Hospital Administration at Concordia College.

He and his wife Gail, who is also an X-ray Technologist, reside at 974 6th Avenue North, Sauk Rapids.

John's hobbies include fishing and skiing, and he carves and collects pipes.

The SCH X-ray school offers a 24 month course, and has 14 students during the current year.



JOHN FALCONER



# Three Physicians Join Medical Staff

Three physicians, all specialists, joined the St. Cloud Hospital Medical Staff in July. They are Dr. H. Thomas Hobday, Dr. Jerry A. Iverson, and Dr. Robert R. Stuber.

Dr. Hobday, an ophthalmologist, is associated with Dr. Robert Koenig. He is a native of St. Peter, Minnesota, and attended the University of Minnesota School of Medicine, graduating in 1963. Following internship at Cook County Hospital, Chicago, and a stint with the U.S. Public Health Service at Ship Rock, New Mexico, Dr. Hobday returned to school for specialty work in Internal Medicine in 1966. He completed his training in ophthalmology at Minnesota this year.



DR. HOBDAY

Mrs. Hobday is also a physician, with a specialty in Pediatrics. They have five children, ranging in age from five weeks to seven years, and reside in the River Haven Addition.

Dr. Hobday said he selected St. Cloud because he knew the area, and had the opportunity for a pleasant association with Dr. Koenig.

Dr. Iverson was born in Willmar, graduated from the University of Minnesota School of Medicine in 1965, and completed his residency in Orthopedics at Tulane Charity Hospital, and the San Francisco Public Health Service Hospital. He also worked in Anchorage, Alaska.



DR. IVERSON

Dr. Iverson and his wife have two boys, 2½ and 4½ years of age. "Having been in California, this area near home looked very good to us," he said. "St. Cloud is a progressive city, I was impressed by the hospital and the care I've seen provided to patients here, and that's what sold me on this com-

munity." He is associated with Drs. LaFond, Jaeger and Zeleny.

Dr. Iverson's hobbies include golf, fishing, and repairing cars.

Dr. Stuber joined the St. Cloud Medical Group as an Internist-Cardiologist, moving here from Boston where he completed his year of residency in Cardiology at Boston City Hospital.



DR. STUBER

A native of St. Joseph, Missouri, Dr. Stuber attended the University of Kansas School of Medicine, and interned in Syracuse, New York, following graduation in 1965. After two years of military service, he completed his residency in Internal Medicine. His wife, Mary, whom he met while in Boston, is a Registered Nurse in the Intensive Care Unit. An admitted football addict, Dr. Stuber also enjoys fishing, golf and tennis.

"We were looking for a smaller town in a cooler climate with a good hospital," he said. "After considering several locations in Wisconsin and Michigan, we decided on St. Cloud."

## Dr. Brigham Joins V.A. Staff

Dr. C. F. Brigham has discontinued his private practice, and joined the staff of the Veterans Administration Hospital in July. He had been in practice here since 1941, with offices in Doctors Park.

Dr. Michael Murphy, Internist, moved to Litchfield in July, and is now practicing at the Litchfield Clinic. He had been associated with the St. Cloud Medical Group.

## ND Group Hears Bakke

"The Importance of Planning and Sharing" is the title of the address Gene Bakke, Executive Vice President of St. Cloud Hospital, will deliver to the 37th Annual Convention of the North Dakota Hospital Association in Bismarck, October 6 - 7.

# Nursing School Opens With 187 Students



SISTER MARY JUDE MEYER  
SCHOOL DIRECTOR

The St. Cloud School of Nursing, the fully-accredited three-year diploma program sponsored by St. Cloud Hospital, opened the 1971-1972 academic year August 30 with 187 students, including 67 in the freshman class. The 16 full-time faculty members reported early for a week-long workshop, and are pictured on this page.

Part-time lecturers on the faculty this year include Duane Beckstrom, Daniel Carle, James Flom, James Graeve, John Harrington, Ruth Lewis, Patricia Opatz, John Redmond, Ardis Rovelstad, Rev. Alfred Stangl, Judith Twomey, Rev. William Vos, Rev. Roger Vossberg, Cyprian Weaver, Sister Remberta, and Mary Ellen Weyrens.

The school year closes with graduation for the 55 member senior class on Saturday, May 20.



MARILYN ANFENSON



MARY BISENIUS



BARBARA CLEGG



SISTER CHRISTINE



SISTER MARY DOMINIC



SISTER ANCILLA



PHYLLIS HERRANEN



TECKLA KARN



SISTER ELOUISE



ELIZABETH LINES



MARGARET J. MAGUIRE



SISTER CATHERINE



JOYCE RAMQUIST



KONIE SLIPY



LENEA WHEELER





## SCH Family Picnic Best Ever

With tongue in cheek, Mary Ellen West, Chairman of the 1971 St. Cloud Hospital Family Picnic, asked her committee, "Do you think we should have another picnic next year?" The answer, even though many of the members had worked all day long at various concessions, was a resounding "YES!".

Despite the rain which fell off and on throughout the day, 2,400 plates of food were served, thousands of glasses of pop were consumed, hundreds of the world's problems were solved in informal conversations, and untold muscles became sore riding horses, pitching horseshoes, playing volleyball. This picnic had something for everyone.

Prizes were won (see next page) for attendance and bingo. Children were drawn like magnets to the zoo which included a fox, monkey, snake and goats. It was a big day for the kids.

Committee members were Rae Ann Anderson, Terry Heinen, Ron Klein, Wayne Lauermann, Sister Madonna, Mike Nierenhausen, Leo Pohl, Donna Thompson, Marie Tronnes and Sam Wenstrom.

So, everyone, employees, doctors, auxiliaries, candy strikers, kids...set aside a Saturday in August next year. The date will be announced during the winter. The 1972 Family picnic will be just as much fun.

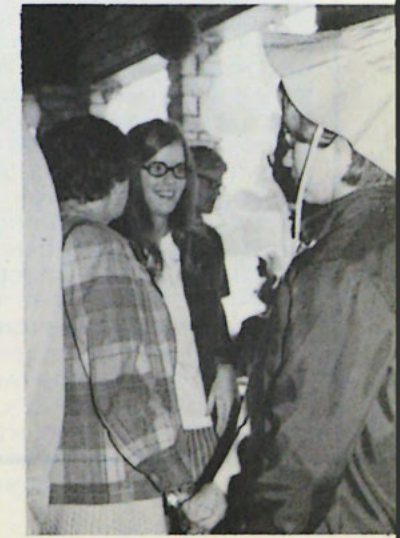


## Picnic Prize Winners Named

Dr. and Mrs. L. H. Wittrock donated the grand door prize for the 1971 St. Cloud Hospital family picnic...a Shetland pony, and her colt. During the day, every youngster there peered longingly through the slats of the fence at the ponies, finally won in a drawing by Dale Sand.

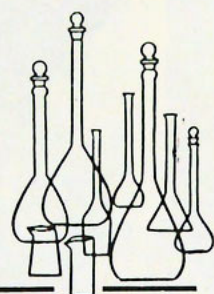
Other door prize winners, drawn throughout the day, were Mary McIntyre, Mrs. Mary Welch, Dave Strobel, Elaine Lange, Jeff Young, Marie Blomquist, Daryl Herold, Kevin Strobel, Mike Masteg, Marie Tronnes, Jeff Masteg, Joel Jacob, Jimmy Curto, Mrs. Marcella Robertson, Mary Beth Heinen, Robyn Spychala, Kelly Blommer, James Zanoth, Christopher West and Dale Sand.

Twenty-seven others won prizes playing bingo. They were Mrs. Jim Wynn, Paula Woerechen, Mrs. Salvekar, John Kucala, Debbie Sand, Marc Pream, Suzanne Loehrer, Gerard Ressiman, Henry Lutgen, Randy Sand, Dianne Mitchell, Ken Peka, Dave Rossman, Mary Billig, Mrs. Al Pflipsen, Mary Strobel, Steve Gohman, Paul Kalkman, Dianne Mitchell, Henry Evers, Marilyn Pallansch, Sandy Nordquist, Jan Hoffarth, JoAnn Pream, Mary Tschimperle, Arvind Salvekar and Phil Tschimperle.





## Medical Memo



BY E. M. LAFOND, M.D.

A NEW MEMBER OF THE HEALTH CARE TEAM IS NOW EMERGING; NAMELY, THAT OF A HIGHLY TRAINED HEALTH PROFESSIONAL.

THE DOCTOR, NOW IN SHORT SUPPLY, IS THE PRIMARY PROFESSIONAL IN PATIENT CARE. HE IS COMPLETELY RESPONSIBLE FOR DIAGNOSING AND TREATING THE PATIENT'S ILLNESS. SERIOUS ATTEMPTS ARE BEING MADE TO TRAIN MORE DOCTORS. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT 12,500 NEW MEDICAL STUDENTS WILL BEGIN THEIR STUDIES THIS MONTH, A 40 PERCENT INCREASE OVER THE NUMBER OF FRESHMEN ENROLLED IN 1965. THIS MEANS THERE WILL BE A NET INCREASE OF BETWEEN 35,000 AND 40,000 DOCTORS IN THIS COUNTRY SINCE 1965. FUNDING FOR AN EVEN FURTHER INCREASE SEEMS LIKELY.

NEVERTHELESS, MANY FEEL THERE IS AN ADDITIONAL APPROACH. AN ATTEMPT IS BEING MADE TO ESTABLISH A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT. HIS PURPOSE WOULD BE TO RELIEVE THE DOCTOR OF SOME TASKS THAT CAN REASONABLY BE DELEGATED TO A PROPERLY TRAINED PERSON. SOME OF THIS IS DONE NOW THROUGH MEDICAL ASSISTANTS IN DOCTORS' OFFICES, USING NURSES ESPECIALLY, BUT ALSO BY SOME OTHER ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS.

THE P.A. WOULD BE TRAINED TO DO MORE RESPONSIBLE DUTIES. THESE DUTIES WOULD INCLUDE HISTORY TAKING, SIMPLE SCREENING EXAMINATIONS, SIMPLE DIAGNOSING, CERTAIN MINOR TREATMENTS, WOUND INSPECTIONS AND DRESSINGS, PLASTER CHANGES IN THE CASE OF HEALING FRACTURES AND ROUTINE FOLLOW-UP EXAMINATIONS. ALL THESE WOULD BE DONE UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF THE PHYSICIAN IN THE HOSPITAL OR DOCTOR'S OFFICE.

THERE ARE PROBLEMS, HOWEVER. THIS CONCEPT OF THE P.A. PROGRAM IS NOT EASILY ACCOMPLISHED. THERE ARE PRESENTLY SOME LAWS PREVENTING THE DOCTOR FROM DELEGATING SOME OF THESE DUTIES. THE LAWS MUST BE CHANGED. CANDIDATES FOR P.A.'S MUST BE CAREFULLY CHOSEN BECAUSE OF THEIR HIGHLY RESPONSIBLE POSITION IN THE PERSONAL CARE OF THE PATIENT. TRAINING PROGRAMS MUST BE DEVELOPED THAT WILL GIVE THE CANDIDATES THE NECESSARY BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE. FINALLY, BUT MOST IMPORTANT, THE P.A. MUST BE ACCEPTED BY BOTH THE DOCTOR AND THE PATIENT. SOME KIND OF NATIONAL

CERTIFICATION ATTESTING TO THEIR PROFESSIONAL TRAINING WOULD BE DESIRABLE.

IN SPITE OF THESE PROBLEMS, SOME PROGRESS IS BEING MADE AND PROGRAMS ARE BEING STARTED. THE FIRST PROGRAM INVOLVED TRAINING P.A.'S FOR THE SPECIALTY OF ORTHOPEDICS. THIS PARTICULAR PROGRAM HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE FOR SIX YEARS AT DUKE UNIVERSITY, DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA. THESE GRADUATES, THOUGH SMALL IN NUMBER, HAVE BEEN EXCELLENTLY RECEIVED BY DOCTOR AND PATIENT ALIKE. OTHER TRAINING CENTERS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON; SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA; AND GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA. PROBABLY OTHERS ARE IN THE PLANNING STAGES. CURRENTLY A PROGRAM OF THIS TYPE IS BEING CONSIDERED AT THE ST. CLOUD STATE COLLEGE.

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS TAKING PLACE INDICATE MORE INTEREST IN THE P.A. LEGAL STATUTES ARE BEING REVISED. IN MINNESOTA AN INITIAL ATTEMPT DURING THE LAST LEGISLATIVE SESSION WAS TABLED BECAUSE MORE INVOLVEMENT OF ALL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS WAS NEEDED IN PLANNING THE LEGISLATION. A GOOD SUPPLY OF AT LEAST PARTIALLY TRAINED CANDIDATES EXISTS AMONG NURSES (BUT THERE IS PRESENTLY A SERIOUS SHORTAGE OF NURSES) AND ESPECIALLY AMONG DISCHARGED SERVICE PERSONNEL WHO HAVE RECEIVED MEDICAL TRAINING. DUKE UNIVERSITY FOUND THESE NAVY CORPSMEN AND ARMY MEDICAL AID MEN GOOD CANDIDATES FOR THEIR TWO YEAR COURSE. SOME COLLEGES AND JUNIOR COLLEGES ARE CONSIDERING ESTABLISHING A TOTAL TRAINING PROGRAM WITH THE NECESSARY AFFILIATION FOR EXPERIENCE BEING PROVIDED BY HOSPITALS AND IN APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS WITH DOCTORS.

FOLLOW-UP INTERVIEWS WITH PATIENTS, DOCTORS, THE P.A.'S AND OTHERS WORKING WITH THE P.A.'S PROFESSIONALLY HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGING. THE P.A.'S FIND THE DUTIES INTERESTING, REMUNERATION GOOD AND PROFESSIONAL ACCEPTANCE BY COLLEAGUES IN MEDICINE EXCELLENT. PATIENT ACCEPTANCE HAS PROVED TO BE NO PROBLEM ACCORDING TO MANY REPORTS. MEDICINE IS UNDERGOING RADICAL CHANGES IN MANY WAYS. SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERIES OBVIOUSLY HAVE A GREAT EFFECT. MANPOWER SHORTAGE PROBLEMS ARE CURRENTLY REQUIRING CHANGES.

THE P.A. SHOWS PROMISE OF ADDING A NEW AND USEFUL DIMENSION IN MEDICAL CARE.

## Superintendent Named

John R. Seelhammer, 39, Winona, has been appointed Superintendent of Building and Grounds for SCH effective October 4. He succeeds Kader Majeed who resigned to accept a position in California in May.



JOHN SEELHAMMER

Seelhammer holds a degree in Industrial Engineering from North Dakota State University, Fargo, graduated from the State School of Science, Wahpeton, North Dakota, and specialized in electronics while in the Army.

He is currently an Industrial Engineer at Lake Center Industries, Winona, manufacturers of automobile parts, a position he has held for six years. Previously, he had worked for Nu-Line Industries, Minneapolis, manufacturers of machine parts.

Mr. and Mrs. Seelhammer have six children, ranging in age from 7-13. They plan to move here in October.



LIONS GIVE TV—THE ST. CLOUD LIONS CLUB HAS PROVIDED A NEW, TABLE-MODEL COLOR TV FOR USE IN THE PEDIATRICS DEPARTMENT (4 NORTH) SOLARIUM. MAKING THE PRESENTATION WERE DONOVAN CLOUGH, LEFT, CLUB PRESIDENT, AND GENE HOTZ, CLUB SECRETARY. AT RIGHT IS GENE BAKKE. THE LIONS DECIDED TO PROVIDE THE TV AFTER FIRST CONSIDERING THE SPONSORSHIP OF RENTAL SETS IN INDIVIDUAL ROOMS FOR THE NEEDY CHILDREN. "THIS WAY," SAID PRESIDENT CLOUGH, "ALL THE YOUNG PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES CAN ENJOY TV TOGETHER WHENEVER THEY WANT." THANK YOU.

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## Two Sisters Retire

Sister Margaret Mary Lipinski retired from St. Cloud Hospital on July 1, 1971, after seven years of active duty as a Library Assistant. Previous to her employment at St. Cloud Hospital Sister Margaret Mary taught various grades in elementary schools in the diocese of St. Cloud, Minnesota, Bismarck and Mandan, North Dakota, and Tacoma, Washington. Sister Margaret Mary is now a Sister Visitor for the sister patients in our hospital.

Sister Consilia Nesges retired from St. Cloud Hospital on July 1, 1971, after forty-three years of dedicated service to the hospital. Sister was head of the Patient Library and also spent hours upon hours of work in her flower gardens which are widely known by all employees of the hospital. Previous to her employment at St. Cloud Hospital Sister Consilia taught 5th and 6th grade elementary classes in the St. Cloud Diocese. Upon retirement Sister is still active in her role of Sister Visitor besides caring for her flowers which are very dear to her heart.

Mrs. Lidwina Kray, RN, Head Nurse on 5 South Surgical Floor (See Photo).



RETIREMENT PARTY—MRS. L. KRAY, STAFF NURSE SINCE 1928 EXCEPT FOR TWO BRIEF PERIODS OF TIME, WAS GIVEN A SURPRISE BIRTHDAY-RETIREMENT PARTY AUGUST 19TH SPONSORED BY HER FELLOW WORKERS FROM 5 SOUTH. SHE IS PICTURED WITH PARTY CO-CHAIRMAN BARB PALLANSCH AND ANDREA WOCKEN. GIFTS INCLUDED THE CHAISE LOUNGE ON THE RIGHT.

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## Summer Volunteers Thanked

Executive Vice President Gene Bakke has expressed special appreciation to the Volunteers who served St. Cloud Hospital during the past summer.

In a letter to Marie Hoppert, Volunteer Director, Bakke noted the hundreds of hours given to the patients by Volunteers, both men and women, and the Candy Strippers, over the summer months when the Volunteer hours normally decreases.

At the same time, he welcomed the 12 new Volunteers and 25 new Candy Strippers who recently joined the program.

## Eight Complete X-ray School

Eight students graduated from the School of X-Ray Technology at the St. Cloud Hospital August 24, following completion of the two-year course.

Commencement exercises were held in the hospital Chapel, with Rev. Richard Tetzloff, Protestant Chaplain, as the main speaker. A reception for family and friends followed in the hospital dining room.

Graduating were Beverly Brunn, Joanne Cospito, Marie Hass, Alice Worms, Jewl Jansma, Marjorie Langer, Sharon Leeb, and Jeanne Zumwalde.

## Schaefer's Enjoy Alaska Trip

Dr. and Mrs. (Rita Need '52) Richard Schaefer returned August 28 from a two-week vacation in Alaska, where they were the guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kruse. Mrs. Kruse, the former Pat Tomlanovich of Hibbing, is Assistant Administrator of the Anchorage Providence Hospital, and also graduated from the St. Cloud School of Nursing in '52.

The Schaefer's also visited Mrs. John Tomlan, the former Mary DeMarais, '52, who works in the Providence Hospital's Emergency Room.

Dr. Schaefer shot a Doll sheep in the Wrangell Mountains while on the vacation.



ST. CLOUD ELKS LODGE 516, AND THE ST. CLOUD FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY COMBINED TO PROVIDE THE CHILDREN'S UNIT OUTDOOR PLAYROOM WITH AN EQUIPPED SAND BOX. THE ELKS DESIGNED AND BUILT THE BOX AND PROVIDED THE SAND, WHILE THE AUXILIARY DONATED THE TOYS. LEFT TO RIGHT ARE MRS. PHYLLIS POST OF THE AUXILIARY, RN JANE KRSTOSEK, SHARON WEIMAN, AUXILIARY; TOM HANNON, YOUTH ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN FOR THE ELKS, AND DIANE GALLUS, FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY. THE FIRST PATIENT TO ENJOY THE GIFTS WAS SCOTT RADEMACHER, SEATED. THANK YOU!

## Remembrance Fund Gifts

The Remembrance Fund has received gifts from the Donald Johnson family, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Habstritt, the St. Cloud Hospital Auxiliary, and Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Pelzer.

Cash gifts to the fund are used to provide hospital equipment.

Donations may be made at the Information Desk in the main lobby.



ANESTHESIA GRADUATION—RALPH KIFFMEYER, JOSEPH STEPHANIE AND ANTHONY YERKES, RIGHT, COMPLETED THE COURSE IN ANESTHESIA JULY 30, AND WERE GUESTS AT A DINNER DURING WHICH DR. HENRY BROKER WAS MAIN SPEAKER. LEFT ARE CAROL SHORTER, EDUCATION COORDINATOR FOR THE COURSE, AND EILEEN STAFFORD, SCHOOL DIRECTOR. RALPH WILL WORK IN POLSON, MONTANA; JOE WILL HELP PROVIDE ANESTHESIA SERVICES TO SEVERAL AREA HOSPITALS; AND TONY IS EMPLOYED BY ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL, PARK RAPIDS.

## Summer Promotions Listed

Mrs. Carol Borman, Staff Nurse, promoted to Head Nurse.

Mrs. Kathleen Loeffler, Certified Lab Assistant, promoted to Senior Certified Lab Assistant.

Mrs. Rita Condon, Staff Nurse, promoted to Supervisor.

Mrs. Barbara Andrews, Tray Aide, promoted to Dietary Clerk Relief.

Mrs. Kathryn Carrier, General Office Cashier, promoted to Senior Office Cashier.

Mrs. Elaine Barrett, Transcriber Trainee promoted to Transcriber.

Mrs. Janet Mikkelsen, Transcriber Trainee promoted to Transcriber.

Mrs. Rita Johnson, Chief Switchboard Operator, promoted to Communications Supervisor.

Mrs. Nancy Hoffstrom, Rehab Assistant, promoted to Transcriber Trainee.

James Lange, Computer Programmer, promoted to Programmer Analyst.

Mrs. Patricia Smith, Clerk-Typist, promoted to Medical Secretary.

Mrs. Alvina Goering, Staff Nurse, promoted to Head Nurse.

Judith Spoden, Transcriber Trainee, promoted to Transcriber.

Ann Lintgen, Office Clerk, promoted to Accountant.

Mrs. Carol Shorter, Nurse Anesthetist, promoted to Educational Coordinator.

William Borgmann, Transcriber Trainee, promoted to Transcriber.

John Ebnet, Transcriber Trainee, promoted to Transcriber.

Mrs. Lois McMahon, Transcriber Trainee, promoted to Transcriber.

Mrs. Mary Ann Smoger, Supervisor Trainee, promoted to Supervisor.

Carol Koenig, Personnel Assistant, promoted to Benefits Payroll Clerk.

Jerrilyn Renney, Certified Lab Assistant, promoted to Medical Technician.

Herman Trettel, Autopsy Assistant, promoted to Medical Technician.

David Hollenhorst, Transported, promoted to Porter.

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Charlotte Sayre, Nursing Assistant I, promoted to Nursing Assistant II.

Patricia George, Transcriber Trainee, promoted to Transcriber.

Mrs. Ardis Hines, Staff Nurse, promoted to Team Leader.

Carol Sandman, Staff Nurse, promoted to Staff Nurse Team Leader.

Mrs. Marilyn Fritz, Transcriber Trainee promoted to Transcriber.

Mrs. Carol Thelen, Transcriber Trainee promoted to Transcriber.

Robert Morford, Maintenance Man II, promoted to Maintenance Man I.

## Loans, Scholarships

Sixth District Congressman John Zwach has announced that the St. Cloud School of Nursing will receive \$46,969 for nursing student loans and nursing scholarships during the coming year. Of the total, \$23,903 is for loans, and \$23,066 for scholarships.

The funds are available from the National Institutes of Health, Bureau of Health Manpower Education. Announcement of the award was made July 26.



RON KLEIN, LEFT, WALKED AWAY WITH FOUR TROPHIES PRESENTED BY GENE BAKKE, RIGHT, DURING THE ANNUAL ST. CLOUD HOSPITAL FAMILY PICNIC. RON, WHO PLAYED THIRD BASE FOR THE MEN'S SOFTBALL TEAM, RECEIVED A TROPHY FOR BEING CO-MANAGER, FOR HAVING THE BEST BATTING AVERAGE (.638), FOR PRODUCING THE MOST RBI'S, AND BEING ELECTED BY THE TEAM AS THE MOST VALUABLE PLAYER. CENTER IS CO-MANAGER ROD EDERHOFF. DAVE SZAFRANSKI, NOT PICTURED, WAS ELECTED THE BEST FIELDER.



## Babies Born To Staff

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Furcht (Janice Murray), Mr. and Mrs. William Lemke (Katherine Harry), Mr. and Mrs. Allen Espelien (Adella Bennett), Mr. and Mrs. Brian Walker (Stephanie Bolt), Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stephanie (Sharon Holes), Mr. and Mrs. William Ibes (Katherine Ditter), Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Breth (Phyllis Kuklok), Mr. and Mrs. John Terwey (Mary Ann Hansen), Mr. and Mrs. Leo Kantor (Elizabeth Dickhaus), Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Sand (Imelda Caspers), Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sutton (Dorothy Webb), Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Loesch (Anita Hageman), Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Boecker (Adeline Garding), Mr. and Mrs. Harold Zipp (Ellen Dehler), Mr. and Mrs. Dale Schibonski (Carole Mechanik), Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Schwickerath (Ann Lammersen), Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bautch (Joanne Zschetzsche), Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Bieniek (Kathy Dahl), Mr. and Mrs. Dale Fadness (Darlene Steinhof), and Mr. and Mrs. James Borash (Bernadette Booth).

## Who Is This . . .



**MAKE A GUESS AND WIN A FREE LUNCH—ABOVE IS A PHOTO OF A WELL-KNOWN, PROFESSIONAL MAN TAKEN AT AGE 11. HE HAS WORKED IN ST. CLOUD HOSPITAL 11 YEARS, IS MARRIED AND HAS FIVE CHILDREN, AND HIS HOBBIES ARE STAMP COLLECTING, HUNTING AND FISHING. ONE SECRET AMBITION IS TO COMPOSE MUSIC. WRITE YOUR GUESS ON A SLIP, AND SEND IT TO THE PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE. ALL CORRECT GUESSES WILL BE PLACED IN A HOPPER AND A WINNER DRAWN. A CAFETERIA LUNCH TICKET WILL BE GIVEN EACH MONTH IN THE "GUESS WHO" COLUMN.**

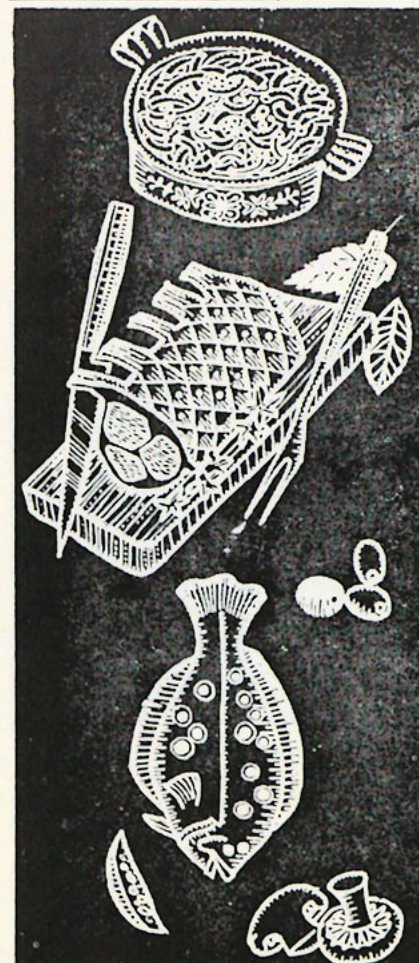
## From Our Kitchen . . .

Looking for a good salad to serve your family during these beautiful fall days. This one from the SCH kitchen is delightful. It's not only delicious, but adds a touch of color to your table!

### From The St. Cloud Hospital Kitchens MANHATTAN JELLO SALAD

- 1 PACKAGE (3 1/2 OZ.) LEMON JELLO
- A PINCH OF SALT
- 1 CUP HOT WATER
- 1 CUP ICE WATER
- 2 TEASPOONS VINEGAR
- 3/4 CUP WEDGED RED APPLES
- 1/4 CUP CELERY (CUT FINE)
- 2 TABLESPOONS BROKEN PECANS

DISSOLVE JELLO IN HOT WATER .  
ADD ICE WATER .  
WHEN PARTIALLY SET, ADD THE FRUIT, VEGETABLES, AND NUTS .  
CHILL UNTIL SET .



# Gleanings

"GLEANINGS" IS A REPUBLICATION, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, OF A VARIETY OF ARTICLES FOUND IN HOSPITALS, JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION, THOUGHT TO BE OF GENERAL INTEREST TO BEACON LIGHT READERS.

## Consortium to form 5-county health network

A five-county consortium of health consumers and providers is being formed to develop a prepaid group practice program for residents of the greater Philadelphia area.

Group Health Planning of Greater Philadelphia, Inc. (GHP), a newly chartered not-for-profit development organization, is developing the program and will serve as the program's interim administrator. When the program becomes operational in about two years, a new corporation will be formed to administer the program.

According to GHP spokesmen, the program will rely heavily on utilization of existing resources. Hospitals and physicians' groups will provide medical care and Blue Cross, Blue Shield, and other insurance carriers will market the program. GHP expects to enroll between 400,000 and 500,000 persons in the program.

Plans call for a network of 8 to 10 health centers to be established throughout the greater Philadelphia area during the two-year developmental stage of the program.

Cost of the developmental stage of the program is estimated at \$293,910.

## Twenty hospitals form group to establish shared services

Twenty community hospitals in southwestern Ohio and northern Kentucky have formed a committee to examine the feasibility of establishing shared services projects.

Ohio hospitals participating in the CINDAY Shared Services Committee are Bethesda Hospital, Children's Hospital, Deaconess Hospital, Our Lady of Mercy Hospital, St. Francis Hospital, and St. George Hospital, all in Cincinnati; Barney Children's Medical Center, Good Samaritan Hospital, Miami Valley Hospital, and St. Elizabeth Medical Center, all in Dayton; Eugene H. Hughes Memorial Hospital, Fort Hamilton Hospital, and Mercy Hospital, all in Hamilton; Charles F. Kettering Memorial Hospital, Kettering; Middletown Hospital,

## JCAH gets Kellogg grant for education program

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals has been awarded a three-year \$278,000 grant from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation, Battle Creek, Mich., to finance an education program based on the Joint Commission's revised accreditation standards.

As part of the program, JCAH officials will deliver presentations about the new standards at annual meetings of its member organizations—the American Hospital Association, the American Medical Association, the American College of Physicians, and the American College of Surgeons.

The education program is designed to aid hospital trustees and administrators, physicians, and other key hospital personnel to understand and to meet their responsibilities in improving patient care through participation in the accreditation process.

Middletown; McCullough-Hyde Memorial Hospital, Oxford; Clinton Memorial Hospital, Wilmington; and Greene Memorial Hospital, Xenia.

Kentucky hospitals participating on the committee are Salvation Army William Booth Memorial Hospital, Covington, and St. Luke Hospital of Campbell County, Fort Thomas.

Coordinating agencies for the committee are the Greater Cincinnati Hospital Council, the Dayton Area Hospital Council, and the Health Planning Association of the Central Ohio River Valley.

The committee's first objective will be to establish a shared laundry system.

A spokesman for the committee

## Court exonerates hospital in blood transfusion suit

The New Jersey Supreme Court in July ruled that a hospital may give a blood transfusion to save the life of an adult patient even if the procedure violates the patient's religious beliefs.

In a unanimous decision, the six-member court upheld the decision of a lower court judge who had authorized the staff of John F. Kennedy Memorial Hospital, Stratford, N.J., to perform a blood transfusion for a woman injured in an auto accident. The woman's parents, members of Jehovah's Witnesses, had refused to authorize the blood transfusion. The woman has since recovered.

In the past, courts in New Jersey and throughout the nation have ruled that hospitals may perform blood transfusions without a patient's consent only if the patient is a minor, if an adult patient is not mentally competent at the time to make his own decision, or if an adult patient would leave minor children if he died, according to the hospital's attorney.

In its July 13 ruling, the court said, "There is no constitutional right to choose to die. Nor is constitutional right established by adding that one's religious faith ordains his death." The court said that "religious beliefs are absolute, but conduct in pursuance of religious beliefs is not wholly immune from governmental restraint."

The court also noted that the issue involved not only the state and the patient but also the hospital and its medical staff.

said that one of the primary reasons for the interest in a shared laundry system is the fact that many of the area hospitals will have to expand their laundries within the next three years unless they centralize laundry services. The spokesman also said that more than 20 hospitals could be participating in the project by the time the system is in operation.



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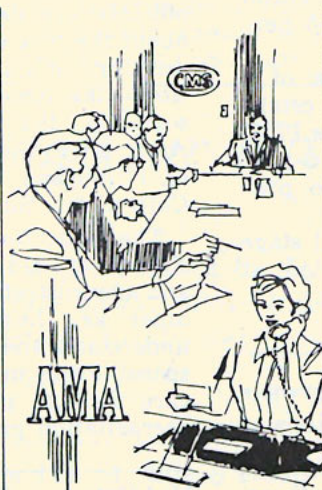
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